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Title : Need to restore the quota post of Special Secretary of Himachal Pradesh in Bhakra Beas Management Board.

SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH (MANDI): Sir, as you are well aware that after recognization of erstwhile Punjab State in 1966, Himachal Pradesh was never considered Partner State in Bhakra Beas Management Board. In 1985-86, the stae of H.P. was declared as a Partner Stae of B.BMB. Since 1985-86, the post of Spcial Secretary was continuously with the H.P. But on 11 th of July, 2006 the said post of Special Secretary was removed without assigning any reason and lower post of the rank of "Director Security & CVO, which is not one among the four management posts, was given to H.P. The distribution of the four management posts allotted to different partner states are a Member (Power), Punjab, Member (Irrigation) Haryana Secretary, Rajasthan, Special Secretary, Himachal Pradesh.

I perceive it as a conspiracy hatched by the members of other States. Sir, this decision by the Chairman/BBMB is totally irrational, illogical and without any merit. The present Chairman is holding the charge of Chairman/BBMP in additional capacity. Any person holding any charge in addition to the capacity

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should not have any right to reserve the policy decision of the board taken some 20 years back. By taking such a decision Chairman/BBMB has unnecessarily created a wedge between different functionaries representing their respective partner states. The Chairman being a neutral authority should be non-partition and should not look like favouring any state.

Sir, through you, I request the Hon'ble Power Minister that post of Special Secretary to HPSEB officer should be restored. So those as an important partner state, the interest of Himachal Pradesh are looked properly in BBMP Management.